

Bollington Urban District Council



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
AND HOUSING OFFICER**

for

1967

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH -

W.R. PLEWS,
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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND HOUSING OFFICER -

A.P. BATES,
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11, King Edward Street,
MACCLESFIELD.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Bollington Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me pleasure to present my Annual Report
for the year 1967.

The Church Street No.1. Clearance Area was confirmed
by the Minister of Housing and Local Government with only minor
modifications in July, 1967.

During the year the number of births again showed an
increase, on the other hand the number of deaths showed a decrease
to the lowest level for many years. The number of births and
deaths within the Urban District were not large enough for any
statistical conclusions which is fortunate in a way as the per-
centage of illegitimate live births increased dramatically from
4.76% in 1966 to 8.33% in 1967. It may be that this is another
indication of the trends of today's permissive society but no true
statistical conclusions can be drawn from the total live and still-
births numbering only 121.

I have included as usual for your interest my Annual
Report to the Divisional Health Committee which of course covers
Bollington U.D.C. as well as Macclesfield M.B.C.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the
Health Committee for their interest and help which they have given
to me throughout the year and also the Officers and members of
other departments for their help and co-operation.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

W.R. PLEWS,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres	1443
Population (Registrar Generals Estimate - Mid 1967)	6000
Number of inhabited houses (December 1967)	2309
Total Rateable Value	£204,846
Product of Penny Rate	£831
Live Births	120
Still Births	1
Deaths	60

<u>VITAL STATISTICS.</u>	Male. <u>1967.1966.</u>	Female. <u>1967.1966.</u>	Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to National Rate: 1.24
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	56 (43)	54 (57)	

Rate per 1000 population (Crude) 20.0			Comparable figures in England/Wales 1967.
Area compatibility figure 1.07			
Corrected figure 20.14			17.2

<u>ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS</u>	7 (1)	3 (4)	
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Percentage of total live
births 8.33

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	- (-)	1 (3)	
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Rate per 1000 total
live and still births
8.0

<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS</u>	63 (44)	58 (64)	14.8
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INFANT DEATHS

Infant Mortality (under 1 year) (-)	- (-)	18.3
Neonatal Mortality (under 4 weeks)	- (-)	12.5
Early Neonatal Mortality (under 1 week)	- (-)	10.8
Perinatal Mortality (stillbirths & deaths under 1 week)	1 (3)	25.4

REGISTERED DEATHS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1962	52	53	105
1963	39	33	72
1964	53	45	98
1965	33	31	64
1966	41	45	86
1967	36	24	60

The Crude Death Rate per 1000 population for 1967	10.
The comparability factor for 1967	.98
The corrected Death Rate for 1967	9.8
The corresponding Death Rates for 1966 (Crude)	14.55
Comparable Figure for England/Wales 1967	11.2

<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	1967 (1966)		1967 (1966)		1967 (1966)	
	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Cancer (all forms)	5	(9)	2	(9)	7	(18)
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	(4)	2	(9)	4	(13)
Diseases of Heart and Circulation	16	(14)	15	(14)	31	(28)
Pneumonia and Bronchitis	4	(6)	1	(4)	5	(10)
Accidents and Sundries	3	(2)	1	(2)	4	(4)
All other causes of death	6	(6)	3	(7)	9	(13)

AGE GROUP AT DEATHS

	1962		1963		1964	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Under 4 weeks	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 1 year	-	2	3	1	3	2
1 - 5 years	1	2	-	-	-	1
6 - 15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 - 25 years	-	-	1	-	-	1
26 - 45 years	2	-	2	-	1	-
46 - 65 years	8	4	12	6	18	8
66 - 74 years	6	16	8	8	15	14
75 + years	15	29	13	18	16	19
Total	32	53	39	33	53	45

	1965		1966		1967	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Under 4 weeks	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 weeks under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	1	-	1	-	-	-
5 years	1	-	-	-	-	1
15 years	-	-	2	-	1	-
25 years	-	1	1	1	-	1
35 years	2	-	1	2	3	-
45 years	2	1	-	2	3	-
55 years	5	3	10	6	7	1
65 years	9	11	12	14	11	6
75 years and over	13	15	14	20	11	15
Total	33	31	41	45	36	24

The number of deaths, 60, was less than in 1966, when there were 86. The proportion of persons dying over the age of 65 is 71.66% compared with 71.43% in 1966.

12 persons aged over 65 years died in hospital i.e. 28% of all deaths over 65 years of age.

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The falling birth rate has now reached its lowest level since 1960. the death rate was .5 lower than the figure for 1966.

Births exceeded deaths by about 289,000 in 1967

Births exceeded deaths by about 28,600 in 1966.

Population estimated at 30th June, 1967 was 48,488,900 which was 300,200 greater than the estimate for 1966.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following diseases were notified during the year 1967 (1966)

Scarlet Fever	.....	8	(4)
Measles	.....	26	(110)
Whooping Cough	.....	9	(21)
Erysipelas	.....	-	(1)
Sonnei Dysentery	.....	52	(1)

TUBERCULOSIS

Not now notified locally.

SONNEI DYSENTERY

750 faeces specimens were submitted to the Public Health Laboratories at Withington Hospital.

Health and Housing Department,
Council Offices,
BOLLINGTON.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Bollington Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my contribution to the
Annual Report for 1967.

An outbreak of sonnei dysentery at the day nursery
in late December, 1966, and which continued through January and
February, 1967, put a considerable strain on the resources of the
department. A total of 750 specimens were collected from the
homes of contacts and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at
Withington Hospital for examination.

I am pleased to report the excellent co-operation of
the day nursery staff and the general public by providing the
necessary specimens; and I must thank my own small staff for their
excellent response to the emergency, which was cleared up without
the Medical Officer of Health finding it necessary to close the
nursery.

The Women's Royal Voluntary Service commenced cooking
and serving lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the
Community Centre at Bollington Cross from April 12th, 1967. The
lunches at 1/6d. each have been greatly appreciated by those elderly
persons who have been able to take advantage of them, and the Members
of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service are to be congratulated on
the provision of these excellent meals at such low cost.

I wish to record my thanks and appreciation to the
Chairman and Members of the Health and Housing Committees, to Dr.
Plews, and to the other Officers of the Council, and in particular
to Mr. Martin of my department for excellent support during the
year. Mrs. K. Heathcote (part-time clerk) resigned in November, 1967
and was replaced by Mrs. E. Lowndes.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A.P. BATES.

Public Health Inspector and Housing Officer.

STATUTES

Slaughter of Poultry Act, 1967.
Civic Amenities Act, 1967.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

- No. 385 Food (Control of Irradiation) Regulations, 1967.
442 Slaughterhouses (Meat Inspection Grant) (Revocation)
Regulations, 1967.
860 Meat Pie and Sausage Roll Regulations, 1967.
861 Canned Meat Product Regulations, 1967.
862 Sausage and Other Meat Product Regulations, 1967.
1119 Artificial Sweeteners in Food Regulations, 1967.
1582 Solvents in Food Regulations, 1967.
1714 Diseases of Animals (Milk Treatment) Order, 1967.
1867 Margarine Regulations, 1967.
1864 Labelling of Food Regulations, 1967.
1865 Coffee and Coffee Product Regulations, 1967.
1939 Solvents in Food (Amendment) Regulations, 1967.
1866 Ice-Cream Regulations, 1967.

Ministry of Housing and Local Government

- 1240 Removal of Refuse Regulations, 1967.
1645 Building (Third Amendment) Regulations, 1967.

CIRCULARS

Ministry of Housing and Local Government

- 6 The Building Regulations, 1965: Use of self-extinguishing
grades of PVC sheeting.
10 Public Health Act, 1961: Building Regulations: The
Agreement Board.
17 Industrial Development Act, 1966: Local Government Act, 1966:
Rehabilitation of derelict, neglected or unsightly land.
Industrial Development Act, 1966: Water and Sewerage Schemes.
22 Noise: Industrial Noise.
34 Report of the Working Party on Refuse Collection.
25 Clean Air Act, 1956: Supplies of Solid Smokeless Fuels.
52 Clean Air Act, 1956: Grit and Dust.
53 Civic Amenities Act, 1967: Parts I and II.
55 Civic Amenities Act, 1967: Part III, Disposal of Abandoned
Vehicles and Other Refuse.
50 Clean Air Act, 1956: Chimney Heights.
60 Gypsies and Other Travellers.
64 Trade and Sewage Effluents.
66 Working Party on the Design and Construction of Underground
Pipe Sewers.
69 Housing Act, 1957: Slum Clearance.
70 Public Health Act, 1961: Building Regulations.

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

- No. 10 The Cheese (Amendment) Regulations, 1966.
36 Meat Pie and Sausage Roll Regulations, 1967.
37 Canned Meat Product Regulations, 1967.
46 Slaughter of Poultry Act, 1967.
54 Artificial Sweeteners in Food Regulations, 1967.
75 Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959.
Approved Chemical Agents.
80 Solvents in Food Regulations, 1967.

OFFICIAL REPORTS AND MEMORANDA

- Advisory Committee on Pesticides and other Toxic chemicals: Report on a review of the present safety arrangements for the use of toxic chemicals in agriculture and food storage.
Report of the Committee on the Staffing of Local Government (Chairman: G. Mallaby).
Report of the Committee on the Management of Local Government (Chairman: J. Maud). Volumes 1 to 5.
Cmd. 3340. Local Government in Wales.
Report of the Working Party on Refuse Collection.
Food Hygiene Codes of Practice 7. Hygiene in the operation of coin-operated vending machines.
Food Standards Committee. Report on Cream Food.
Additives and Contaminants Committee: Second Report on Cyclamates.
Food Additives and Contaminants Committee: Report on Aldrin and Dieldrin Residues in Food.
Grit and Dust: The measurement of emissions from boiler and furnace chimneys.
Report of the Working Party on Grit and Dust Emissions.
Chimney Heights. 2nd Edition of the Clean Air Act Memorandum.
Building Regulations 1965. Selected Decisions. First Series.
Gypsies and Other Travellers. A report of a study carried out in 1965 and 1966. (Ministry of Housing and Local Government).
Working Party on the Design and Construction of Underground Pipe Sewers.
(a) Second Report.
(b) Notes of guidance on practical considerations in the structural design and in the construction of small-diameter sewers and drains.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

The Council own 126 dwellings which were built pre-war.
315 dwellings which were built post-war.
441 dwellings, of which 52 are post-war
built Bungalows.

During 1967 - 14 houses changed tenants
4 bungalows changed tenants.

The following statistics are included for information :-

1967.

Supervision and Management	£2,358.
Housing Repair Fund Income	£8,323.
Housing Repair Fund Expenditure	£6,990.
Housing Repair Fund Balance	£5,352.
Average annual contribution per house	£19.
Average annual expenditure per house	£16.
Balance per dwelling in Housing Repair Fund	£12.

REPAIRS

The system of recording complaints received and completed is working satisfactorily and is now providing much valuable information. Mr. Fred Blackhurst, plumber, died on Friday, the 21st July, 1967, and Mr. Frank Armett, who had worked with him for a week before his death, took over his duties. His appointment was from the 3rd August, 1967, and accommodation was found for him at 27, Hollin Road. Authority was given to consider the appointment of a Plumbing apprentice.

A water ram was purchased and the appliance has considerably reduced the time required by other methods to clear simple blockages.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS .-

The Council's Surveyor has furnished the following particulars:-

Discretionary Grants

Year	Applications approved		Total amount of approved grants.	Schemes Completed
	<u>Owner Occupiers.</u>	<u>Owners of Rented.</u>		
			£.	
1964	4	-	656	2
1965	2	2	1,036	3
1966	4	1	592	3
1967	9	-	1,320	6

Standard Grants

Year	Owner Occupiers.	Owners of Rented Houses.	Total Completed.	Total Grants.	Amenities Provided.				
					£	1.	2.	3.	4. 5.
1964	11	1	10	1,099		-	1	-	3 6
1965	10	3	6	613		6	6	3	6 3
1966	14	3	17	1,553		14	15	14	17 13
1967	19	1	10	1,115		10	10	10	10 10

No applications were made for Certificates of Disrepair in 1967.

The Number of New Houses Erected in 1967.

By Local Authority: NIL By other Persons: 94

INSPECTIONS

Damp Houses.....	18
Property Repairs.....	36
Improvement Grants.....	3
Clearance Area.....	38
Council House Exchanges.....	7
Supervision of Houses.....	282
Painting & Contract Supervision	22
Stores Supervision.....	17
Community Centre.....	12

SEPTIC TANKS

In 1962 the Council agreed to bear the whole cost of emptying domestic septic tanks in the district, utilising the vehicle owned by the Macclesfield Rural District Council.

During 1967, 11 tanks were emptied, at a total cost to the Council of £28.10s.0d.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS.

Public Health Complaints	.....	26
Keeping of Animals	.....	2
Caravan Sites	.....	3
Dirty Premises	.....	9
Drainage	.....	53
Septic Tanks	.....	20
Flooded Cellars	.....	14
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	.....	38
Factories Act	.....	22
<u>Food Inspection</u>		
Meat	.....	427
Hygiene & Cruelty	.....	41
Ice Cream Sampling	.....	2
Water Sampling	.....	3
<u>Sundry Inspections</u>		
Welfare Visits : :	.....	2
Infectious Diseases	.....	83
Specimens to Laboratory	.....	17
Day Nursery	.....	6
Farms - Brucella Abortus	.....	2
Petrol Regulations	.....	14
River Pollution & Stoppages	.....	3
Nuisances	.....	33
Rodent Control	.....	14
Tip	.....	6
Miscellaneous	.....	34

Reciprocal arrangements continued with the Macclesfield Rural District Council to the effect that the Inspectors of that authority would carry out duties (mainly meat inspections) in Bollington Urban District during times of illness or holiday, and that our Public Health Inspector would carry out similar functions for the Macclesfield Rural District Council if the need arose.

Meat Inspection

The following charges, which are less than the maximum permitted charges, have been fixed by the Council for the inspection of animals intended for the food of man, provided that operators restrict calls for meat inspection to normal working hours, except in the case of emergencies.

Bovines, other than calves	.....	1/3d.
Calves or Pigs	.....	6d.
Sheep or Goats	.....	3d.

Details of the animals slaughtered and inspected and the incidence of disease etc., are set out in the following table:-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED - 1967.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1113	16	15	4530	701
Number inspected	1113	16	15	4530	701
Corresponding figure 1966	983	9	9	4452	1187
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	191	2	-	352	43
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	17.1%	-	-	7.8%	6.28%

Tuberculosis only:

Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	6
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	.86%

Cysticerci:

Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	2	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised & totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

SAMPLING:-

Ice Cream Two samples were taken during the year and both were reported upon as within the provisional Bacteriological Grade.

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus.
The regular routine sampling of milk in the district is undertaken by the County Council Health Department, which is the licensing authority for bottling and dealers establishments under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations. The results of the sampling are received from the County Council Officers. No evidence of tubercle bacilli in milk was found during the year.
Since the completion of the Ministry of Agriculture's eradication programme for tuberculosis, the County Council has turned its attention to the incidence of brucellosis in milk.

Brucella organisms are destroyed by heat treatment of milk, but their presence in raw milk can produce undulant fever in humans. Where evidence of the presence of these organisms is demonstrated in routine sampling, immediate action is set in motion to isolate the affected cow (so as to prevent the milk being sold in its raw state). The following table summarises the work of the County Council in respect of sampling the milk supplies of the district :-

	<u>Total Submitted</u>	<u>Number Brucella Positive</u>	
Bulk Samples	-	-	
Dealer Samples (Herd Samples)	93	1	1
Individual Cow Samples	13	1	
Total	106	2	1

There are 5 Dairy Herds in the district from which milk is sold raw to the public.

The County Public Health Laboratory Service collected Milk Samples in the District with results as follows :-

	<u>Passed Methylene Blue Test.</u>	<u>Passed Phosphatase Test.</u>	<u>Passed Turbidity Test.</u>
Pasteurised	57	57	
" (Homo)	13	17	
" (C.I.)	13	15	
Untreated	67		
" (C.I.)	35		
Sterilised			20

Seven Animal inoculations showed no evidence of T.B. or Brucellosis.

FOOD PREMISES

There are four bakehouses in use in the district.

CLEAN AIR

There are no smoke control areas in the district. No complaints of industrial smoke were received during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council has an obligation to inspect their district for infestations of rats and mice and to carry out the treatment for their extermination on their own properties. A part-time Rodent Operator who also undertakes the treatment of vermin at private dwelling houses free of charge and at business premises at the expense of the occupiers, is employed for these purposes. Several of the larger industrial premises and a few farms are serviced under annual contracts.

The total number of properties inspected for the infestations as a result of notification was 318 and the number inspected during the course of survey was 1,571.

FACTORIES ACT.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>Number on</u> <u>Register.</u>	<u>Inspected.</u>	<u>Written</u> <u>Notices.</u>	<u>Occupiers</u> <u>Prosecuted</u>
Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 & 6 to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	-	-	-
Factories not included in the above in which Sect. 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	34	22	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-

Cases in which defects were found:

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Found.</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Remedied.</u>	<u>No. Referr-</u> <u>ed to H.M.</u> <u>Inspector.</u>	<u>Notified</u> <u>by H.M.</u> <u>Inspector.</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Prosecuted</u>
Want of cleanliness.	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences.	-	-	-	-	-

OUTWORK

Nature of Work.	No. of outworkers in August required by Section 110(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome places.	Notices served.

Wearing Apparel (Making up etc.)	9	-	-	-	-
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OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

The following table shows the number of registrations and inspections made under the provisions of the Act:-

TABLE A

Class of Premises.	No. of premises newly registered during year.	Total No. of registered premises at end of year.	No. of premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	2	8	10
Retail Shops	-	23	23
Wholesale shops/Warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	2	2
Fuel storage depots	-	1	1
Totals	2	34	36

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds (including General Inspections) to Registered Premises:- Total 51.

Analysis by Workplace of persons employed in registered premises at end of year:-

TABLE C

	<u>No. of persons employed.</u>
Offices	43
Retail Shops	22
Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public	2
Canteens	4
Fuel Storage depots	3
Total Males:- 40. Total Females:- 34. Total	74

TABLE D - EXEMPTIONS

Part I Space	Nil.
Part II Temperature	Nil.
Part III Sanitary Conveniences	Nil.
Part IV Washing Facilities.	Nil.

TABLE E - PROSECUTIONS Nil.

TABLE F - STAFF:-

No. of Inspectors	1
No. of other staff employed in connection with the Act.	Nil.

CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
MACCLESFIELD DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Tel. Number:-
Macclesfield 6259/50

W.R. PLEWS, L.R.C.P. & S., D.R.C.O.G., D.P.H.
Divisional Medical Officer of Health.

27th March, 1968.

To:- The Chairman and Members of the
Macclesfield Divisional Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1967.

In recent years there has been a tendency to be a shortage of staff in one or other of the different category of nurses employed within the Division. However, during the year the position has improved particularly in respect of midwives, so at the moment the nursing services are able to give a better service to the residents within the Division. This is reflected by the statistics which show the Health Visitors total visits rose by 3,402, the District Nurses total visits rose by 5,811 and District Midwives had an additional 15 home confinements, all of this compared to the year 1966.

Indeed, just about the only service which shows a reduction of work was the Day Nursery Service with a fall of 1,543 in the total attendances when compared to 1966. I was disturbed by this fall and have investigated to try and ascertain the reasons. The fall becomes obvious in January, 1967, when the charges for all categories of children, except sub-normals, was raised. There was a further increase in the charges for non-priority cases on the 2nd October, 1967, when the charge became 14/-d. per day. A survey of day nurseries at present reveals that well over half the children are classed as priorities, and within this group there are a number of children where although it is highly desirable, either from the Child Care Officer's or Health Visitor's point of view, that they should attend, in fact, attendances are poor or erratic. There is some evidence at the time of writing this report that the demand for nursery places is beginning to rise again. I have outlined the position for you as the annual cost statement of the County Treasurer is certain to be unfavourable to the four day nurseries within the Division, therefore I feel that the Committee having upgraded the nurseries to a satisfactory level over the last few years should be very cautious about further expenditure until the average attendances have increased substantially.

The Domestic Help Service developed considerably during the year, particularly in the care of the elderly, and an example of this is that in 1966 night-sitters attended three cases for a total of 63 hours, but in 1967 night-sitters attended on 17 occasions for a total of 204 hours. I am certain that the figures for 1968 will again show an increase.

Mr. Ashton, Area Mental Welfare Officer, has supplied me with a report as usual for inclusion with my own, again the statistics show a great increase in the amount of work carried out by the Mental Health Service. Mr. Ashton has every reason to be proud of the fact that the Parkside Hospital has the lowest re-admission rate in the Manchester Region and it is, in the Medical Director's opinion, due to the effective support services of the local health authority. However, I am very grateful to the

medical and nursing staff of the Parkside Hospital for the help and co-operation which they give to the Mental Welfare Officers.

This Department has always had excellent relations with the Macclesfield Hospital and it is worthy of note that during the year the Regional Hospital Board appointed two new consultants to this area. Dr. White for Paediatrics and Dr. Sava a General Physician with special responsibilities for Geriatrics. Health Visitors started to attend Dr. White's Paediatric Clinic during 1967 and preliminary arrangements were made late in the year for Health Visitors to attend at Dr. Savage Geriatric Clinic this year. This co-operation and co-ordination with the Hospital can only be to the benefit of the population within the Division.

I cannot finish this report without mentioning briefly certain other services. The County Family Planning scheme came into operation during the year and though the numbers dealt with are low, they refer only to medical cases where pregnancy would have been injurious to health. In August, 1967, an Occupational Therapist was appointed for three sessions per week, and following this in October a Club for the Young Physically Handicapped was started, again the numbers involved are low, but the work done nevertheless is valuable. Lastly, in December, 1967, a Day Centre for the Elderly Mentally Infirm was started, here again the numbers may seem to be very small but I am sure that a very valuable service is in fact being given and the numbers are already beginning to increase.

It will be seen from the remarks that I have made that much work is being carried out by the local health services within the Division, this in turn increases the work of the Divisional Office Staff, so I must thank all members of my office staff for their hard and loyal work throughout the year.

I would also give my thanks to all Voluntary Workers together with the Officers and Staffs of the District Councils who have helped the department during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. R. PLEWS

Macclesfield Divisional Medical Officer of Health.

Constitution of the Divisional Health Committee:-

County Council

Alderman George Astbury, J.P.)	
Alderman F. McBirnie (To 1.5.67)	)	Ex-Officio
Councillor A. Richardson (From 1.5.67))	
Alderman A.E. Barwood		
Alderman Mrs. F.L. Tunstall		
Councillor H.E.R. Peers		
Councillor J.H. Godwin		

Macclesfield Borough Council

Alderman Mrs. H.O. Barentz
Alderman Mrs. L. Davenport
Alderman L. Walton (To 15.6.67)
Alderman Mrs. M.E. Wright (Chairman) (To 15.6.67)
Councillor Mrs. M.D. Buckley (From 15.6.67)
Councillor Mrs. M.M. Clegg (To 15.6.67)
Councillor Mrs. H. Heywood
Councillor H. Hodgkinson (To 15.6.67)
Councillor W.E. Lyon
Councillor Miss D. Morley
Councillor G.W. Scragg (From 15.6.67)
Councillor Mrs. G. Weatherby
Councillor J. Wright (From 15.6.67)

Bollington Urban District Council

Councillor Mrs. E.A. Mosley, J.P.
Councillor F.G. Thompson (To 15.6.67)
Councillor Mrs. W. Duncan (From 15.6.67)

Co-opted Members

	Representing	
Mrs. S.M. Hope		Macclesfield and District Hospital Management Committee.
Dr. E.J. Clandillon	- do -	Local Medical Panel Committee within Division.
Mrs. A.M. White	- do -	No.10 Divisional Executive for Education - Macc. & Dist.
Mrs. J. Britton	- do -	National Society for Prevent- ion of Cruelty to Children.
Mrs. B. Davies, J.P.	- do -	St. Dunstons Institute for the Blind.
Mrs. E. Wemyss Smith (Chairman) (From 15.6.67)	- do -	Macclesfield Council of Social Service.

Staff - Macclesfield Division

Divisional Medical Officer (Part-time with Macclesfield Borough)	-	W.R. Plews, L.R.C.P. & S., D.R.C.O.G., D.P.H.
Assistant County Medical Officer & Assistant School Medical Officer	-	H.M. Levis, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B.S., D.P.H.
Assistant County Medical Officer	-	Sheila Sherrington, M.B., B.S.
Ophthalmic Surgeon (Part-time)	-	A. Holmes-Smith, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., D.O.M.S.
Paediatrician (Part-time)	-	J.D. Allen, M.D., F.R.C.P.
Ear, Nose & Throat Surgeon (Part-time)	-	O.T. Taylor, M.B., Ch. B.
Speech Therapist (Part-time)	-	Mrs. J. Cowley
Occupational Therapist	-	Mrs. M.J. Hoey
Clerk to the Divisional Health Committee	-	A.E.F. Dear
<u>Divisional Health Office</u>		
Divisional Administrative Assistant	-	H. Greenhouse (Part-time with Macclesfield Borough)
Senior Clerk	-	Mrs. E.M. Bannister
Clerks	-	Mrs. M.H. Andrews (Welfare Foods and Chiropody) Mrs. B. Honey (Immunological Records) Miss M. Jackson (Part-time with Macclesfield Borough) Mrs. G.A. Coppock Mrs. R.J. Coe (Part-time Welfare Foods and Immunological)
Clinic Clerk (Part-time)	-	Mrs. M. Siggins
School Clinic Clerk	-	Mrs. B. Chadwick
Adult Training Centre Clerk (Part-time)	-	Mrs. N. Brown
Domestic Help Supervisor	-	Mrs. J. Cheetham
<u>Mental Welfare</u>		
Area Mental Welfare Officer	-	R. Ashton
Adult Training Centre Superintendant	-	W. Lowe
Junior Training Centre Supervisor	-	Mrs. M. Cheadle
E. M. I. Centre Matron	-	Mrs. E.M. Oldham

Day Nursery Matrons

South Park	-	Mrs. M. Mallinson
Glegg Street	-	Mrs. E. Roberts
Hurdsfield	-	Mrs. A.C. Aspden
Bollington	-	Mrs. C.A. Allen

Health Visitors

Miss T. Martin, Clinic Centre, Earlsway, Weston	(Tel. 3721)
Miss J. Samuels, 52, Bridge Street	(Tel. 5501)
Miss W.G. Grimstone, Sanders Square, Moss Estate	(Tel. 3800)
Miss D.M. Owen, Hurdsfield House	(Tel. 3282)
Miss E.M. Slack, Clinic Centre, Earlsway, Weston	(Tel. 3721)
Miss C. Crosbie, Bollington Welfare Centre	(Tel. Boll.2376)
Mrs. A.M. Marriott, Clinic Centre, Earlsway, Weston	(Tel. 3721)
Mrs. K. Jarvis (Part time), Hurdsfield House	(Tel. 3282)

County Midwives

Miss F.A. Scrivens, Flat 4, Sunny Bank, London Road	(Tel. 3853)
Mrs. M. Woolstenhulme, 55, Wentworth Avenue, Weston	(Tel. 4575)
Mrs. F.E. Davies, 10, Fairfield Avenue, Bollington	(Tel. Boll.2326)
Miss H.E. Kelly, 8, Hillcrest Road, Gawsorth	(Tel. Greenhills 2241)
Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, 2, Wilton Crescent, Weston	(Tel. 2495)
Mrs. C.H. Doody (Part-time), Norwood, Blakelow Road	(Tel. 5217)
Mrs. A. Watson (Part-time), 18, Surrey Road, Gawsorth	(Tel. 4455)

District Nurse/Midwife

Miss A. Barlow, 13, Waterhouse Avenue, Bollington	(Tel. Boll.3179)
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District Nurses

Mrs. J. Bridge, 3, Heyes Farm Road	(Tel. 6305)
Miss A.K. Keates, 28, Berwick Close, Upton Priory	(Tel. Prestbury 88188)
Mrs. P.V. Moores, 11, Rainow Road	(Tel. 5639)
Mrs. M. Leonard, 62, Merebrook Road, Weston	(Tel. 6054)
Mr. J.E. Billings, 21, Hillcrest Road, Gawsorth	(Tel. 5654)
Mrs. M. Wood, Ingersley Vale Cottages, Bollington	(Tel. Boll.3204)
Mrs. M. Hanily (Part-time Relief), 12, Elmsway, Bollington	

Clinic Nurses

Mrs. J. Porter
Mrs. J.V. Lomas

There were a number of staff changes during the year and the above list is the position as at 31st December, 1967.

The Committee administer proposals under the National Health Service Act, 1946, as under:-

Section 22	Care of Mothers and Young Children
Section 23 Midwifery	Section 24 Health Visiting
Section 25 Home Nursing	Section 26 Vaccination & Immunisation
Section 28	Prevention of Illness, Care and After Care
Section 29 Domestic Help	Section 51 Mental Health Service

The following is a record of work done during the year 1967.

SECTION 22 - Care of Mothers and Young Children

Infant Welfare Clinics

<u>Attendances made by children -</u>		<u>Attendances</u>		<u>No. seen by Doctor</u>	
		<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
Bridge Street	52 Sessions	4156	(4166)	946	(846)
Hurdsfield House	52 Sessions	2369	(2126)	459	(500)
Sanders Square	50 Sessions	1712	(1760)	518	(353)
Weston	50 Sessions	2753	(2799)	599	(592)
Upton Priory	46 Sessions	638	(-)	345	(-)
Bollington	51 Sessions	3134	(1855)	609	(499)

Pre-School & Young Children's Clinics

<u>Attendances made by children -</u>		<u>Attendances</u>		<u>No. seen by Doctor</u>	
		<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
Bridge Street	11 Sessions	116	(156)	108	(141)
Hurdsfield House	11 Sessions	92	(102)	92	(102)
Sanders Square	11 Sessions	150	(80)	123	(67)
Weston	12 Sessions	294	(167)	253	(158)
Bollington	4 Sessions	18	(-)	18	(-)

Ante-Natal Clinics

<u>Attendances made by Mothers -</u>		<u>First Visits</u>		<u>Return Visits</u>		<u>No. seen by Doctor</u>	
		<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
Bridge Street	12 Sessions	130	(158)	209	(255)	239	(271)
Hurdsfield House	12 Sessions	157	(149)	257	(284)	295	(244)
Sanders Square	11 Sessions	85	(90)	81	(164)	123	(164)
Weston	12 Sessions	123	(96)	199	(173)	258	(192)

Application for admission to West Park Hospital

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
Number of Applications received -	494	(447)
Number accepted by <u>West Park Hospital</u>	Number accepted by <u>other Hospitals</u>	Home Confinement due <u>to non-acceptance</u>

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WELFARE FOODS

The main storage and distribution centre at The Divisional Health Office, Macclesfield and the distribution points at 52, Bridge Street, Hurdsfield House, Sanders Square, Weston Estate and Bollington Welfare Centres and Bollington Council Offices were retained.

During the year the following quantities of foods were distributed; the previous year being shown in brackets:-

National Dried Milk	2921	(3765)	tins
Orange Juice	15902	(12891)	bottles
Cod Liver Oil	1220	(1172)	bottles
Vitamins A. & D. Tablets	1454	(1324)	packets
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	21497	(19152)	

Branded Foods including Milk Foods, Cereals and other commodities continued to be sold at the Welfare Centres and during the year the total sales amounted to £3,428. 17s. 7d. (in 1966 - £2,934. 12s. 8d.)

SPECIALIST CLINICS

Ophthalmic Clinic - The Ophthalmic clinic at the School Clinic is available to mothers and children under 5 years of age and the following is a report of the work done during the year:-

No. of mothers who attended the Clinic	Nil
No. of Children under 5 years who attended	69
No. of attendances made by children under 5 years	185
No. of children for whom glasses were prescribed	44

Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic - This clinic is held once each month at the School Clinic and is available to Mothers and Children under 5 years.

No. of attendances made by mothers	1
No. of attendances made by children under 5 years	11
No. of children referred for Tonsils and Adenoids Operation	1

Dental Treatment

Treatment carried out by School Dentist for Expectant Mothers and Children under 5 years.

No. of Expectant Mothers who attended	25
No. of Expectant Mothers treated	27
No. of Children under 5 years who attended	97
No. of Children under 5 years treated	61

DAY NURSERIES

The following is a summary of attendances for the year but the total attendances for all the nurseries is down from 31,867 in 1966 to 30,324 in 1967. There was a small outbreak of Dysentery in the Glegg Street Day Nursery which affected the attendances as those children who developed the condition could not be allowed back until a series of negative faecal bacteriological examinations had been obtained, thus, though Glegg Street Day Nursery attendances were down by 761, the drop in attendances at all nurseries including Glegg Street was 1543.

	<u>Attendances</u>		<u>Total Average Daily Attendances.</u>
	<u>Under 2 years</u>	<u>2 - 5 years</u>	
South Park	2417	6033	34
Glegg Street	1666	6312	32
Hurdsfield	3372	4802	33
Bollington	2205	3517	23

SECTION 23 - MIDWIVES

Notification of births received:-

	<u>Live</u>		<u>Stillborn</u>		<u>Total</u>		<u>Total Births</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Legitimate	440	413	4	2	444	415	859
Illegitimate	37	19	-	-	37	19	56
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	477	432	4	2	481	434	

There are five full-time, two part-time County Midwives and one District Nurse/Midwife employed in the Division. The District Nurse/Midwife is employed in Bollington, the greatest part of her work being midwifery.

There was a total of 915 births in the Division, 481 Males and 434 Females, of which 394 were home confinements and 521 Hospital or Nursing Home confinement

Births took place as follows:-

	<u>MACCLESFIELD</u>		<u>BOLLINGTON</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
Hospital	444	417	73	55	517	472
Home Confinements	343	325	51	54	394	379
Nursing Homes	4	-	-	-	4	-
	<u>791</u>	<u>742</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>915</u>	<u>851</u>

Of the 394 mothers who were confined at home, 45 were attended by Home Helps provided under Section 29 of the National Health Services Act.

HEALTH VISITORS

The following visits were made by the seven full-time and one part-time Health Visitors employed in the Division.

	<u>First Visits</u>		<u>Total Visits</u>	
	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
To Children under 12 months	986	943	5877	4116
To Children 1 - 5 years	150	139	5671	4592
To Expectant Mothers	149	159	372	384
To Home Helps	4	3	8	8
Re Stillbirths	-	2	-	2
To Mental Defectives	-	-	58	-
To Infant Deaths	2	-	3	3
To Cases of Sickness	184	229	210	236
To Care and After Care	26	72	360	455
To Cases of Tuberculosis	2	2	12	15
To School Children	36	59	394	356
Special Visits	8	1	534	457
No Access	100	-	1525	998
	<u>1647</u>	<u>1609</u>	<u>15024</u>	<u>11622</u>

In addition to the above visits, the following clinics are attended by the seven Health Visitors:- Infant Welfare, Hospital Paediatric Clinic, Pre-School, Young Childrens, Ante-Natal, Vaccination and Immunisation, School Medical and Head Inspections and the various specialist clinics.

SECTION 25 - DOMICILIARY NURSING

The number of full-time District Nurses employed in the Division is six and one District Nurse/Midwife and the visits made show an increase of 5,811.

Total Visits	19,341
The number of patients over 64 years of age attended was	513

SECTION 26 - VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Records of Vaccination and Immunisation of persons under 16 years:-

	<u>Completed Doses</u>		<u>Reinforcing Doses</u>	
	<u>1967</u>	<u>(1966)</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>(1966)</u>
<u>Smallpox Vaccination</u>				
By Practitioners	211	400	6	35
At Welfare Centres	327	224	-	-
<u>Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus (Triple)</u>				
By Practitioners	342	352	314	171
At Welfare Centres	744	497	710	172
<u>Diphtheria/Tetanus</u>				
By Practitioners	-	-	-	-
At Welfare Centres	43	27	432	317
<u>Tetanus</u>				
By Practitioners	13	40	3	24
At Welfare Centres	-	-	-	-
<u>Poliomyelitis Vaccination</u>				
<u>Salk</u> - By Practitioners	2	-	-	-
<u>Oral Sabin</u>				
By Practitioners	418	439	300	169
At Welfare Centres	701	574	474	267

SECTION 27 - AMBULANCE SERVICE

Report of work done by the Ambulance Service.

<u>Total Number of Journeys</u>	<u>Total Number of Patients Carried</u>	<u>Total Mileage</u>
Ambulance 2876	13,212	62,717
Sitting Case Vehicle 1839	25,904	70,885

SECTION 28 - PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER-CARE

Cytological Clinic

This clinic was started in October, 1966, to carry out tests for ladies between the ages of 25 - 60 years, to find those with a pre-cancerous condition and preventing the development of Cancer of the Cervix.

During 1967, 35 sessions were held and 308 patients attended, none of which were found to be positive.

Family Planning

The General Practitioners referred 12 cases on medical grounds to the Family Planning Clinic during the year.

Health Advisory Service for the Aged

This service continued at the Macclesfield Darby and Joan Club run by the W.V.S. held at the Parish Rooms and Heyes Hall, Weston, also at the Bollington Evergreen Club held at the Sports and Social Centre, Bollington.

Health Education films are shown during the winter months and the Clinic Nurse attends to answer questions and talk to the members at each club, once per month, where the attendances are approximately 100, 80 and 50 respectively. The films shown on Health Education and travel films on places of interest have been greatly appreciated by the members of the Clubs and many of the members have expressed their interest in the films. The Clinic Nurse has been able to successfully deal with the problems that have been brought to her notice either by the members or by the members of the W.V.S.

The Health Education Films shown were as follows:-

Room for Hygiene
One Mans Challenge
How to Catch a Cold
The Nature of Fire
A Touch of Rheumatism

Loan of Medical and Surgical Equipment

Articles for loan purposes are available at the Divisional Health Office. These articles were issued to patients during the year 1967, as follows:-

Wheel Chairs	15
Bed Rests	33
Air Cushions	53
Bed Pans	82
Mackintosh Sheets	88
Urinals	20
Feeding Cups	2
Bed Cages	19
Commodes	18
Bath Aids	13
Walking Aids	27
Toilet Aids	1
Hoyer Hoists	2
Enuresis Alarm	15
Other Miscellaneous Aids	7
	<u>395</u>

In addition to the above Bed Pans have been issued to the Midwives for use in confinement cases. Protective incontinence pants were issued to 6 cases for which disposable interliners are available and 10,800 disposable sheets were purchased for issue to District Nurses to assist them in their work where necessary.

Physically Handicapped Persons

Adaptations to property and equipment such as provisions of hand-rails to paths, ramps, bath and toilet aids, foundations for garages and widening of paths etc. were provided in eleven cases during the year.

Car Badges for severely disabled drivers were in use in eleven cases at the end of year.

Handicapped Persons Club

In October, 1967 a selected group of five persons were brought together to form the first meeting of a club designed to accommodate the younger physically handicapped in the area.

There are now 12 members within an age group ranging from 17 - 55. The Club meets one afternoon a week at the Weston Clinic.

It was decided that the club should provide occupation as well as being a social gathering, and small assignments of outwork have been obtained from local industries. These at present take the form of the cutting out of machined embroidery and the winding of electrical transformers.

A Christmas outing was arranged one evening in December, where an excellent meal was provided at one of the local cafe's and the members have plans for other social functions in the near future.

The recreational facilities of Keele University sports stadium have been made available for all disabled clubs in the area and it is hoped that some of the members from Macclesfield who have their own transport will be able to attend these games which take place every Monday afternoon.

Tuberculosis

	<u>Macclesfield</u>				<u>Bollington</u>			
	<u>Pul-</u>		<u>Non-</u>		<u>Pul-</u>		<u>Non-</u>	
	<u>monary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>monary</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
No. of Cases on Register at 1.1.67.	158	110	38	39	6	6	2	6
No. of Cases on Register at 31.12.67.	163	111	40	39	6	6	2	6
No. of new cases added in 1967.	5	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
No. of deaths in 1967.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases recovered, lost sight of etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

B. C. G. Vaccination

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis is available to children in their 13th year. This age group involves ten schools in the Division and the following table shows the number of children vaccinated during the year.

No. of Children in age group.		No. of Consents Received.		No. of Children tested by P.P.D. Injections.		No. of Children vaccinated with B.C.G.	
<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
845	882	726	754	707	739	630	670

Chiropody Service

This service is available to Pensioners, Expectant Mothers and Physically Handicapped Persons who are on Assistance from the Ministry of Social Security and the following new cases and total treatments were given during the year:-

	No. of New Cases.		No. of Treatments given.		Total No. of Patients Treated.	
	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
Persons over 65 years	132	133	3471	2959	628	579
Physically Handicapped	-	-	94	98	15	16
Expectant Mothers	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>132</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>3565</u>	<u>3057</u>	<u>643</u>	<u>595</u>

SECTION 29 - DOMESTIC HELP

The Supervisor has been employed full-time in this Division since 21st June, 1966, having previously been part-time with South East Cheshire Division, and the visits made by the Supervisor were as follows:-

Supervisory Visits	1421	New Patients Given Help	229
New Patient Visits	292		

There were 67 Home Helps employed at the end of the year, but an additional 43 had been employed over the year, making a total of 110.

321 aged persons (over 65) were attended, 43,954½ hours help provided. The hours are an increase on the previous year of 11,420.

The statistics are as follows:-

	<u>Macclesfield</u>	<u>Bollington</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total No. of hours worked during 1967.</u>
Part-time	59	8	67	49,262

In the case of home confinements home help is usually provided for fourteen days after the date of confinement, most of the help provided is in fact for aged persons who are chronically sick or infirm, and each year shows an increased demand from this group.

<u>Number of Cases attended by Home Helps</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Maternity (including expectant mothers)	73	45
Chronic Sick and Tuberculosis	25	25
Persons aged 65 and over	257	321
Others	25	36
	<u>380</u>	<u>427</u>

Night sitters attended on 17 occasions for a total of 204 hours, there is an every increasing demand for this service which is only supplied at the special request of a Doctor, usually when a hospital bed is not immediately available.

37 aged persons are almost entirely dependent on the Home Help Service and receive help daily, and the demand for this type of service has more than doubled when compared to the previous year.

SECTION 51 - MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Junior Training Centre

No. on Register at 31st December, 1967.	65
Total No. of Attendances during 1967.	13,197
Average daily attendances.	67
No. on Staff (including 2 in G.P.H.) Unit.	8

<u>Age of Children at 31.12.67.</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
5 - 6 years (inclusive)	3	7	10
7 -11 " "	23	12	35
12 -16 " "	12	5	17
	<u>38</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>62</u>

Areas in which children reside:-

Macclesfield Borough	14
Macclesfield Rural	8
Congleton Borough	3
Congleton Rural	4
Cheadle & Gatley U.D.C.	16
Wilmslow R.D.C.	9
Bramhall & Woodford U.D.C.	8
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There are 5 children receiving free meals.

All the children attending the Centre reside in their own homes and are transported daily either by coach or taxi. Escorts are provided to travel with the children.

The staffing of the Centre has been improved during the year. There is one unit of 10 children who are doubly handicapped. This group has 2 staff. The ratio of the other classes is now one staff to ten children.

During the year three children left to take up employment. One stayed at home to look after a very large family, one went to work on a farm and one is doing simple assembly in an engineering works.

4 children (3 boys and a girl) transferred to the Adult Traing Centre.

4 children removed from the area, one went into residential care and 1 child with multiple handicaps died.

During the year the Hurdsfield "Tuesday Club" adopted the children at the Centre. In September the children took the proceeds of their Harvest Festival celebrations to the "Tuesday Club" and the members gave the children a splendid party in December.

The Macclesfield and Wilmslow Societies for Mentally Handicapped Children provided during the year special playground equipment.

The Macclesfield Rotarians organised a visit to the Circus at Belle Vue and the children had many outings to the Park, to Buxton Gardens and shopping expeditions to the town.

A number of students were attached to the Centre for periods of practical training and many visits of investigation and observation were made by Doctors, teachers, nurses and social workers.

The Centre was open to the general public during Mental Health Week which was held in June. Open days were held for parents.

Adult Training Centre

Attendances

Number on register at 31st December, 1967.	93
Total Number of attendances during 1967.	17,429
Average daily attendance	77
Number of Staff at 31st December, 1967.	8

The sharp increase in numbers on the register this year is partly due to the opening of the Hostel for 22 Female Subnormals most of whom attend the Centre. Many of these, on the whole older Trainees, coming from Mental Hospitals have had difficulty in settling down in the new way of life and in the Centre we have experienced problems of home-sickness and absconding. Four at least were unable to habilitate in this wider environment and have had to be returned to hospital, but on the other hand seven others after a short spell in the Centre are now employed in jobs in industry.

The aims of the Centre, such as training towards a daily work routine & greater industrial skills, coupled with an emphasis on personal and social training have, we believe this year made further progress inasmuch that Trainees who have got jobs have held them for longer periods because they have been more skilled to do the work, more naturally amicable with fellow workers and have been better able to present themselves each day punctually and with good appearance.

Employment

Ten Trainees went out to jobs in industry.

Open Days and other activities

January 13th	-	Centre Dance for Trainees Holiday Fund.
October 19th	-	Jumble Sale for Trainees Holiday Fund.
May 1st	-	Meeting Macclesfield Society for Mentally Handicapped Children.

Mental Health Week June 4th - 10th

Monday	-	Open Evening	Tuesday	-	Evening Meeting
Wednesday	-	Open Day	Thursday	-	Open Day.

Trainees Holiday Scarborough

Ladies Week - 2nd - 9th June. Mens Week - 9th - 16th June.

Day Outing

May 23rd - Rhyl.

DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY MENTALLY INFIRM

This Centre was opened at 33, Great King Street, Macclesfield, on the 11th December, 1967. These premises are being used temporarily until the premises at "Ashfield", Upton, have been suitably adapted for this purpose.

The number of patients attending in December was 5 who made a total of 60 attendances.

FOR THE YEAR, 1967.

33, Great King Street,
MACCLESFIELD.

To:- The Chairman and Members of
the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again it is my pleasure and privilege to present to you the Annual Report on the work of the Mental Health Service in Macclesfield and Bollington during 1967.

Since the last report there has been a number of staff changes. Mrs. G. Eccles, Mental Welfare Officer, left the service to take up an appointment as Social Worker on the staff of Parkside Hospital, Mr. L. Stebbings returned to his home county of Cambridgeshire, where he has been successful in obtaining a similar post in the field of Mental Health, and Mr. G. D. Brown, Mental Welfare Officer, was released in September to take a two-year Course leading to the Certificate in Social Work. I wish to take this opportunity of wishing them every success for the future.

The past twelve months has been a very busy period for the staff who have accepted the extra pressure placed upon them with unfailing loyalty. We have continued to provide a 24 hour service, and endeavoured to provide community care for the mentally ill and mentally subnormal persons and their families. A further development in the service has been the establishment of a Day Centre for the Elderly Mentally Infirm, which opened in December, on the ground floor of this building. The Day Centre caters for the elderly members of our society who have become rather confused and, whilst requiring care and attention, do not require the facilities of a hospital. They are able to continue to live at home, and attend the Day Centre from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Monday to Friday. The Matron and her staff encourage those attending to take an active part in the running of the Centre, and the scheme is proving very popular with those who are able to avail themselves of this facility.

The first year of the new Hostel in Park Lane has proved encouraging, several of the residents who had never previously worked, having been found local employment. The Hostel remains full, however, and there is a great need to find families in the area who are prepared to offer these girls a home.

Out-Patient Clinics continue to be held daily at the local psychiatric hospital, and this in itself is an extremely valuable service, as the mentally disordered, through regular attendance at the clinics, together with support from the Mental Welfare Officers, and the utilisation of the various community resources, can be maintained in their own homes. It is interesting, and very gratifying, to note that Parkside Hospital has had the lowest re-admission rate in the Manchester Region, and when the Medical Director was recently asked to give his opinion on the reasons for this, he stated that this was in no small way due to the effective supportive services provided by the Local Health Authority.

The two social clubs in the area, the Therapeutic Social Club, and the Over 16's Club for the Mentally Handicapped, have both enjoyed another successful year, and to all those who continue to support these clubs, and give of their time so freely, may I express my heartfelt thanks.

Two members of staff have been appointed as Trainee Mental Welfare Officers, Miss P.A. Carr and Mr. G. Howarth, I hope that they will be very happy in their chosen career, and prove to be valuable members of the department.

"Work to be done" was the theme of the Mental Health Week in June, the second in a three year series. Events in Macclesfield included an Open Evening at the Bridge Club, an Open Meeting and Exhibition of Work at the Adult Training Centre and Open days at the Junior and Adult Training Centres. This year's campaign was designed to publicise the career opportunities in the mental health services and the areas of work in which voluntary bodies can be most helpful. All the events were very well attended and to all those from both statutory and voluntary bodies who helped to make the week a success I offer my thanks.

In conclusion, may I express my gratitude to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, Dr. B.G. Gretton-Watson, County Medical Officer, Dr. W.R. Plews, Divisional Medical Officer, and the Chairman and Members of the Divisional Health Committee, for the help and support they have given throughout the year.

A table showing the number of cases from the Macclesfield and Bollington area, dealt with during the past year, by officers of this department, is illustrated below.

Notifications and Admissions
(Mental Illness)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Informal Admissions	48	80	128
Compulsory Admissions following under Mental Health Act, 1959.	18	42	60
Referred to other Agencies	16	10	26
Referred to Psychiatric Out-Patients Clinics	34	40	74
Referred to General Practitioners	16	20	36
Cases referred where no action considered necessary	17	24	41
Cases retained by this Department for domiciliary supervision	48	50	98
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Totals :	197	266	463
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Elderly Mentally Infirm

	<u>Male 65+</u>	<u>Female 60+</u>	<u>Total</u>
1966	30	66	96
1967	24	38	62

I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

R. ASHTON

Area Mental Welfare Officer.

